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In order to ensure compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(a)-(d), Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1). The references listed in the annexed Form PTO-1449 were cited in a March 20, 2007 official action in connection with a counterpart Japanese patent application. A copy of the March 20, 2007 Japanese official action is also enclosed herewith. Each reference listed in the Form PTO-1449 annexed to this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Other references (JP8-314272, JP8-171281, JP64-52181, JP5-232810, JP4-87901 and JP9-106156) cited in the Japanese official action were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 23, 2004 and therefore are not being listed on the Form PTO-1449 annexed hereto. Additional references (JP6-175490 and JP61-59464) cited in the Japanese official action were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 15, 2007 and May 15, 2007, respectively.

A translation of the attached communication from the Japanese Patent Office is available to the USPTO through the Dossier Access System. Should the translation be unavailable, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to assure that appropriate information is available for consideration.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

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